



# Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

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## Joint Executive Council for Veterans Affairs

February 4, 2015

# Agenda



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  - Garlin Connor
  - PVA Tax Exemption
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# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## LEGAL UPDATE

- The Quest for Gold
- The Garlin Conner Story
- 17 Years of Trying
- ABCMR 1999, 2000
- 2006 Eyewitness Accounts
- District Court: Viral Loss
- 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals
- Evidence Gathering
- Applying for Property Tax Exemption
- The Past:
  - All VSO posts were taxable
- After Commissioner's meeting with Revenue:
  - Case-by Case
- How to
- The Application
- The Appeal Process

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# Applying for Property Tax Exemption Through Your Local Property Value Administrator

- Everyone please follow along with your form

## APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXATION

Office of Property Valuation  
Phone: 502-564-8338  
Fax: 502-564-8368

This application is to be used by organizations seeking property tax exemption pursuant to Section 170 of the Kentucky Constitution. Answer all questions as fully as possible and return the application and all attachments to the local Property Valuation Administrator.

<b>Name</b> <i>(Print)</i>	<div style="text-align: center;">(   )</div> <div style="text-align: center;">(   )</div>				
	Enter Exact Legal Name of Organization <span style="float: right;">Daytime Office &amp; Cell Phone Numbers</span>				
<b>Property Location</b> <i>(Print)</i>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Number and Street</span> <span>City</span> <span>County</span> <span>State</span> <span>ZIP Code</span> </div>				
<b>Mailing Address</b> <i>(If Different from Above)</i> <i>(Print)</i>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>P.O. Box or Number and Street</span> <span>City</span> <span>County</span> <span>State</span> <span>ZIP Code</span> </div>				
<b>E-mail Address</b>			<b>Web Site:</b>		
<b>Purpose of the Organization and Major Activity of Applicant</b>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px;"></div>				
<b>State of Incorporation</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; gap: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit             <input type="checkbox"/> LLC             <input type="checkbox"/> Other           </div> </div>				
<b>County(ies) in Which Property is Located</b>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px;"></div>				
<b>Type of Exemption (check)</b>	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; gap: 10px;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Public Property</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Education</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Religious</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Place of Burial</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Purely Public Charity</div> </div>				
<b>Applicant Authorization and Signature</b>	<p>For this property tax exemption application, I authorize the Department of Revenue (DOR) or its representative(s) to visit and inspect the property to be exempted now and in the future, to ensure the property is being used for tax-exempt purposes. I hereby certify that the statements and information contained herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am authorized to sign this application.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>Signed _____</div> <div>Title _____</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>Print _____</div> <div>Cell Phone Number _____</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>Date _____</div> <div></div> </div>				
<b>To be Completed by the Property Valuation Administrator</b>	<p>Recommendation _____</p> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>Signed _____</div> <div>Date _____</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>Print _____</div> <div></div> </div>				

1. Who is the legal owner of the property? (Include all owners of an interest in the property and describe their interest.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. When was the property acquired? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. (a). How was the property acquired? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b). Provide a copy of the deed and a copy of the property record card (if available). \_\_\_\_\_  
(c). Provide a picture of the property and buildings: "Exterior and Interior" \_\_\_\_\_
4. (a). Has this organization previously been granted any tax exemption by the Commonwealth of Kentucky?  
☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, describe.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b). Has this organization previously been granted any tax exemption under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, attach a copy of the authorization letter.) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Attach a statement detailing compensation, if any, to the following organization members:
  - A. Officers
  - B. Directors
  - C. Trustees
  - D. Five Highest Paid Professional Service Employees
  - E. Five Highest Paid Employees
6. List the names and salaries of any family members serving in any capacity in the organization. \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. List types of employees performing activities of the organization and their qualifications. Indicate which, if any, of these persons receive compensation for their activities. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. (a). Is any course of instruction offered on the property? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, describe the instruction.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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(b). Is it open to the public? ☐ Yes ☐ No Is there any charge or fee required for attendance? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, how is the money utilized by the organization?) \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Attach a resume of past activities in which the organization has participated in, present activities and future plans of the organization. \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Describe the current use of the property. \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Does or will this organization limit its benefits, services or products to specific classes of persons?  
☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, explain.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Does the organization require the recipients or will they be required to pay a fee or other charge for the organization benefits, services or products? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, explain.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. Does the property produce income? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, explain how the income is used.)  
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14. (a). Does the organization operate a commercial establishment? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, indicate the names, addresses and a description of the property.)  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- (b). List Kentucky Sales and Use Tax Permit Account Number for each business that sells tangible personal property.  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- (c). Describe the items of all real or tangible property. (General description only.) Include the location of any real property, or describe the tangible personal property: \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Is this organization financially supported, operated or controlled by any other organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, list other organizations.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. Describe the applicant organization's fund-raising program and explain to what extent it has been put into effect.  
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17. List all grants received during taxable years the organization has been in existence. (Show name of contributor, date, amount of grant and brief description of the nature of the grant.)  
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18. Attach detailed financial statements, including both balance sheets and income and expense statements, for the two most recent accounting periods.  
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19. Attach copies of the Articles of Incorporation, bylaws and any amendments to the Articles or bylaws as well as any other information you wish to provide to help the Office of Property Valuation issue a ruling.  
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*Applicants seeking an exemption for low-income housing must provide the documents requested and answer the following questions about the parcels for which an exemption is desired.*

20. For low-income housing applicants, provide copies of the following:
- (a). A list of all partners, including general partners and limited partners.
  - (b). All partnership agreements.
  - (c). All current Land Use Restriction Agreements (LURAs).
21. Have any tax credits been awarded or applied for? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, provide the following information:
- (a). The project name and location of the property involved;  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - (b). The total amount of the credit and the benefiting partner; and  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - (c). The start date and end date for the tax credits.  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Applicants seeking an exemption as a religious organization must answer the following questions about each parcel for which an exemption is desired.*

22. List all acreage and improvements owned by the applicant for which an exemption is desired. Include the number of acres for land and a general description of all improvements.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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23. If multiple parcels, give a complete description of how each parcel in question 22 is being used. Examples of uses to note include: religious worship services, minister occupied parsonage, held for future development, parking, fellowship hall, leased to another entity, etc.  
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24. (a). If any of the property described in question 22 is a separate parking lot or garage, is the lot or garage rented out during the week? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, give details.)  
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- (b). Is the lot or garage essential for members to attend worship services? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If no, give details.)  
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## CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY

### REVENUE AND TAXATION

**§170. Property exempt from taxation—Cities may exempt factories for five years.**—There shall be exempted from taxation public property used for public purposes; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; real property owned and occupied by, and personal property both tangible and intangible owned by, institutions of religion; institutions of purely public charity, and institutions of education not used or employed for gain by any person or corporation, and the income of which is devoted solely to the cause of education, public libraries, their endowments, and the income of such property as is used exclusively for their maintenance; household goods of a person used in his home; crops grown in the year in which the assessment is made, and in the hands of the producer; and real property maintained as the permanent residence of the owner, who is sixty-five years of age or older, or is classified as totally disabled under a program authorized or administered by an agency of the United States government or by any retirement system either within or without the Commonwealth of Kentucky, provided the property owner received disability payments pursuant to such disability classification, has maintained such disability classification for the entirety of the particular taxation period, and has filed with the appropriate local assessor by December 31 of the taxation period, on forms provided therefor, a signed statement indicating continuing disability as provided herein made under penalty of perjury, up to the assessed valuation of sixty-five hundred dollars on said residence and contiguous real property, except for assessment for special benefits. The real property may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by the stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially, in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemptions shall apply only to the value of the real property assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which his interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property. The general assembly may authorize any incorporated city or town to exempt manufacturing establishments from municipal taxation, for a period not exceeding five years, as an inducement to their location. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 3, 172, and 174 of this Constitution to the contrary, the General Assembly may provide by law an exemption for all or any portion of the property tax for any class of personal property. (Amendment, proposed Acts 1954, ch.111, §1, approved November, 1955; amendment, proposed Acts 1970, ch.186, §1, approved November, 1971; amendment, proposed Acts 1974, ch.105, §1, approved November, 1975; amendment, proposed Acts 1980, ch.113, §1, approved November, 1981; amendment, proposed Acts 1990, ch.151, §1, approved November, 1990; amendment, proposed Acts 1998, ch. 227, §1, ratified November, 1998.)

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# Thomson-Hood Veterans Center Wilmore, KY

- 253 Residents in house
- 22 Applications List
- 82 Admissions since August 1, 2014
- 163 discharges (deaths) since August 1, 2014
- 328 Employees
- Retired Army Major Ben Sweger, Facility Administrator

As of February 2015





# Western Kentucky Veterans Center Hanson, KY

- 108 Residents in house, wing re-opened
- 35 discharges (deaths) since August 1, 2014
- 37 admissions since August 1, 2014
- 14 Applications list
- 186 Employees
- New Administrator, LaDonna Scott

As of February 2015





# Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center Hazard, KY

- 111 Residents in house
- 2 Applications List
- 36 Discharges (Deaths) since August 1, 2014
- 25 Admissions since August 1, 2014
- 166 Employees

As of February 2015





# SVHs Resident Demographics

*As of December 2014*

CENSUS:	472 (89 available beds)
Free Meds:	180 (Pharmaceuticals)
70% SC:	84 (Eligible for VA NH care)
Residents with Spouses	156
Max Charge (\$3,700):	199
Zero Pay:	3
Ex-POWs:	5
Females:	15
Deaths to date:	125

# OKVC Capitol Projects

## Radcliff Veterans Center

Expected completion date - Sept 2015

- Progress Report:

All buildings under roof

Mechanicals in

Electrical work in walls

Hired Construction Supervisor 1/16/2015

Hiring to begin Spring 2015

Applications for admission March 2015

FFE Procurement underway

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# Legislative Issues

- HB 64 – Amend KRS 16.065 to require the Department of Kentucky State Police to provide personal protection to any recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor at any public event or ceremony where the individual receives an official invitation to attend.
- HB 98 – Amend KRS 186.162 to create a Gold Star Siblings license plate with the same fees as the “I Support Veterans Plate”; amend KRS 186.164 to set forth eligibility requirements. Effective 01/01/2016.
- HB 110 – Amend KRS 186.162, regarding fees for special license plates, to eliminate the \$5 extra fee for renewal of certain military and veteran’s license plates.
- HB 115 – Amend KRS 40.010 to redefine the period of the “Korean Conflict” to match the federal designation of June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955.

# Legislative Issues cont'd.

- HB 164 – Relating to employment opportunities for veterans. Create a new section of KRS Chapter 40 to create the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act encouraging private employers to hire veterans and directing the Education & Workforce Development Cabinet to create a registry of participating employers.
- SR 32 – a resolution urging the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Kentucky's United States Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval and funding necessary for the construction of a veterans center in Bowling Green.
- HR 13 – A resolution urging KDVA, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Kentucky's US Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval & funding necessary for the construction of a 5<sup>th</sup> veterans center in Bowling Green.

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# Homeless Veteran Initiative

- January 13, 2015

- Press Conference in Louisville, KY with Mayor Greg Fischer on the “Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness in Louisville, KY.”

- Kentucky has more than 170 local officials throughout Kentucky have joined the “Mayors’ Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness”

- January 29, 2015

- Homeless veteran roundtable meeting between HUD & KHC to discuss ending homelessness in Kentucky.
- Ceremonial bill signing by Lt. Gov. Crit Luellen

The “Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness” involves collaboration between the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) to issue a larger number of permanent housing vouchers for homeless veterans in Kentucky.

The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) have teamed up to dedicate financial and human resources to end veteran homelessness.

# Homeless Veteran Initiative cont'd.

In 2014 there were 600 homeless veterans in Kentucky, according to HUD. The number of homeless veterans has steadily decreased from 2008 when there was a reported 1,046 homeless veterans in the state.

Through this partnership, federal and state agencies hope to continue to decrease that number by ensuring every military veteran has a safe and affordable place to live.

KDVA will continue to work directly with homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness to obtain their full benefits, including compensation and pension that significantly increase their income and allow them to find affordable housing. KDVA also works closely with shelters and programs for homeless veterans throughout the state.

# Homeless Veteran Initiative cont'd.

As part of the Veterans Emerging Through Transition (VETT) Program, the Kentucky Housing Corporation will designate a preference for 100 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) for qualified homeless veterans in [87 counties](#).

This special assistance will help qualified veterans pay for housing and ultimately reduce the number of homeless veterans in Kentucky. Through KHC, local service providers will coordinate the completion of certification checklists to be used as referral tools to qualify homeless veterans for the housing assistance.

# Homeless Veteran Initiative

New Homeless Veteran Coordinator for KDVA:

Trina Patty, Regional Administrator  
Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs  
Homeless Veteran Program Coordinator  
1111B Louisville Rd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Office: (502) 564-9203  
Toll-free: (800) 572-6245  
Fax: (502) 564-4036  
Cell (502) 352-3120

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# Women Veterans Program

- KY Female Veteran Population – Approximately 31,000 and growing

**Mission and Goals:** The mission of the Kentucky Women Veterans Program shall be to ensure that Kentucky's women veterans have equitable access to federal and state veterans' services and benefits. The goals are to:

- Perform outreach to improve women veterans' awareness of eligibility for federal and state veterans' services and benefits;
- Assess the needs of women veterans with respect to improve the Women Veterans Programs
- Make recommendations to the Commissioner to improve benefits and services
- Review programs, research projects, and other initiatives designed to address or meet the needs of Kentucky's women veterans
- Incorporate women veterans' issues in the Department's strategic planning; and Participate in National forums and committees for women veterans.



# Women Veterans Program

## ● Creative Partnerships with

- KY Grocers Association
- American Heart Association of KY
- Brain Alliance of KY
- Churchill Downs
- Kentucky Humanities Council
- Military History Museum
- Kentucky History Center



# Women Veterans Program

## *Monthly Messaging*

- **February: National Heart Month**
  - Partnership with American Heart Association
  - February 6, 2015 - GO RED for WOMEN VETERANS
- **March: Women's History Month**
  - Honoring a Legacy of Service in our Nursing Homes
  - Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>- A Red Hat Society Ladies Luncheon EKVC
  - Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>- 2:00pm Tea Party with the Girl Scouts-Madison/Jackson Dining room. EKVC
  - Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>- 10:00am Special Music from the Hazard City Schools
- **April: Sexual Assault Month**
  - April 11, 2015 – Women Veterans Conference
- **May: Military Appreciation Month**
  - April 30, 2015 - Thursday of Derby Week to Highlight Women Veterans
  - May 25, 2015 - Memorial Day – Women in Service



# Women Veterans Program

- Statewide Women Veterans Conference
  - April 11, 2015 – Louisville, KY
    - Pre-Registration is now open and online at [www.veterans.ky.gov](http://www.veterans.ky.gov) at the top menu
    - 200 Women Veterans Capacity
    - Free Vendors Tables Available

# Women Veteran Conference Registration Page

Browser window showing the registration page for the Women Veterans Unite! 2015 Conference.

URL: <http://veterans.ky.gov/Pages/womenvetsconference.aspx>

Page Title: Ky Veterans Affairs : Women V...

Search: Search Kentucky.gov

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs


Navigation: New Veterans, Benefits, Cemeteries, Nursing Homes, VA Health Services, Employment, Other Programs & Services, About Us, FAQ

Sub-navigation: Kentucky Women Veterans Unite! 2015, KDVA Partners, Women Veterans Unite! 2015 Conference, Pre-Register for Women Veterans Conference

Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations

Veterans Affairs / Women Veterans Unite! 2015 Conference

## Women Veterans Unite! 2015 Conference



Join Us in Louisville April 11  
Free Conference on Women Veterans in Kentucky

**Tentative Schedule:**

- 8:30-9:00 am – Registration and Coffee
- 9:00-9:10 am – Opening Remarks: KDVA Commissioner Heather French Henry
- 9:10-9:30 am – General Peggy Combs, Ft. Knox Base Commander ([Biography Here](#))

Date: April 11, 2015  
8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville

**Pre-Registration Required. Space Limited**

Admission, including lunch, Free

[Pre-Register Today!](#)

For more information, call 502-564-9203

Social Media Links:  
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## KDVA Partners

### JECVO Webpage

- Under “KDVA Partners”
  - Highlight KDVA partnership with JECVO
  - Easy access to presentations
  - Upcoming meetings posted
  - Links to Facebook & Twitter

### Why:

KDVA wishes to highlight the KDVA / JECVO partnership so veterans may be more aware of our outreach and cooperation on veterans issues and to provide easy access to presentations made by KDVA.

# JECVO Addition to KDVA Website

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) website. The address bar shows the URL <http://veterans.ky.gov/Pages/JECVO.aspx>. The browser's address bar also shows the text "Ky Veterans Affairs : Joint Exec...". The website header includes the "Kentucky.gov" logo and navigation links for "Agencies" and "Services". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main navigation menu includes links for "New Veterans", "Benefits", "Cemeteries", "Nursing Homes", "VA Health Services", "Employment", "Other Programs & Services", "About Us", and "FAQ". Below this menu, there are links for "Kentucky Women Veterans Unite! 2015", "KDVA Partners", "Women Veterans Unite! 2015 Conference", and "Pre-Register for Women Veterans Conference". The "Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations" link is highlighted in red. The main content area features the title "Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations" and a paragraph describing the JECVO's role. To the right of the text are social media links for Facebook, Flickr, Twitter, and Instagram. Below the text, there is a section titled "Member Organizations" which lists the "Air Force Association (AFA)" and the "Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)". The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the URL <http://veterans.ky.gov/employmentinfo/Pages/default.aspx> and a 100% zoom level.

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## Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations

JECVO provides a central point in which 23 Veterans Organizations, with approximately 65 representatives, gather at one time. Most of JECVO's efforts are directed toward legislation that affects Kentucky Veterans and/or their dependents. Overall, JECVO has a good success record for their legislative efforts. JECVO representatives attend the General Assembly sessions and committee meetings that address Veterans affairs/issues in proposed legislation. JECVO affords veterans organizations and the KY Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) a great opportunity to disseminate information. The KDVA Commissioner provides a Status Report at most meetings on KDVA activities and projects. Meetings are every other month, except for monthly meetings when Kentucky's General Assembly is in session.

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[www.twitter.com/JECVOKY](http://www.twitter.com/JECVOKY)

### Member Organizations

Air Force Association (AFA)  
Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)  
American Legion (AL)

<http://veterans.ky.gov/employmentinfo/Pages/default.aspx> 100%

# Upcoming Events & News

- February 6
  - Go Red for Women Veterans
  - VOA Leestown Homeless Veteran Graduation
- February 9-14 - National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week
- February 28 – Humana Military Staircase Race
- March 1 – UK Women's Basketball Game honoring veterans
- March 4 – JECVO
- March 7 – UK Men's Basketball Game Honoring veterans
- March 11 - Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair - University of Phoenix, Louisville
- March 11 - Women Veterans Luncheon, THVC
- March 13 – Veterans Program Trust Fund
- April 1 - JECVO
- April 11 - Women Veterans Conference, Papa John's Stadium
- April 30 - “Therby” at Churchill Downs
- May 16 – Honor Flight
- May 25 – Memorial Day